

Senate Resolution 33 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY MULDER
1 3 A Resolution honoring the Pioneer United Methodist
1 4 Church of Rock Valley, Iowa, on the occasion of
1 5 its quasiquicentennial year.
1 6 WHEREAS, Pioneer United Methodist Church, the first
1 7 Protestant church in Rock Valley, Iowa, began
1 8 celebrating its quasiquicentennial in 2006 and
1 9 continues those activities in 2007; and
1 10 WHEREAS, the first religious services held in Rock
1 11 Township were led by a Methodist minister in 1879; and
1 12 WHEREAS, the first Methodist services in Rock
1 13 Valley were held in a local schoolhouse, where the
1 14 congregation presented Rock Valley with its first
1 15 Christmas tree; and
1 16 WHEREAS, in 1880 a Methodist Class was organized in
1 17 Rock Valley, part of a four-point circuit consisting
1 18 of Pattersonville (now Hull), Boyden, Rock Valley, and
1 19 a rural charge; and
1 20 WHEREAS, the church was officially organized in
1 21 1882 and was initially named the Pioneer Methodist
1 22 Episcopal Church of Rock Valley; and
1 23 WHEREAS, the first church building was ready for
1 24 use in 1882, with \$50 of the cost coming from a
1 25 donation from the Vice President of the United States
1 26 William A. Wheeler; and
1 27 WHEREAS, construction on the current church edifice
1 28 began in 1964, with the first service held on January
1 29 31, 1965, and a fellowship hall was added in 1988; and
1 30 WHEREAS, in 1968 the church was officially renamed
2 1 the Pioneer United Methodist Church; and
2 2 WHEREAS, over these many years the Pioneer United
2 3 Methodist Church has kept the spiritual life of its
2 4 members alive through regular Sunday worship services,
2 5 church school classes, choirs, organizations, and
2 6 activities; and
2 7 WHEREAS, the church has long been known for its
2 8 strong support of home and foreign mission projects ==
2 9 providing the impetus for the Heartland Center for
2 10 Restorative Justice, providing relief for the victims
2 11 of Hurricane Katrina, participating in the Heifer
2 12 Project International, and participating in the Red
2 13 Bird Missionary Conference; NOW THEREFORE,
2 14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 15 congratulates the Pioneer United Methodist Church of
2 16 Rock Valley, Iowa, for its 125 years of devotion to
2 17 God and service to mankind.
2 18 LSB 2892SS 82
2 19 jr:nh/je/5.1